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**CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS**

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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I want to thank you for your service and dedication to the CEP during my tenure as CNO. Your sage advice and tireless efforts on the Homeland Defense and Littoral Surveillance Task Forces were sincerely appreciated and will have far reaching effects on our Navy as it begins the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I am also indebted to you for the work you did on the Innovation Task Force. Your guidance assisted the Strategic Studies Group Fellows to reach their conclusions.

I sincerely value your insights on these issues and the foresighted advice you provided our nation on weapons of mass destruction. You have almost single-handedly raised the level of consciousness regarding our country's ability to cope with biological terrorism.

Thank you again for all you have done for me and the Navy. All the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jay L. Johnson".

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